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1. IN ABSENCE FONMIN (WHO HAS RESIGNED ALONG WITH REST OF CABINET),
I WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING AUGUST 7 BY DIR GEN OF
POLITICAL AFFAIRS AZIMA. LATTER HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY FONMIN TO
BRIEF ME ON RESULTS MINISTER'S TALK WITH SHAH AUGUST 6 CONCERNING
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ARMS FOR SOMALIA.

2. ACCORDING AZIMA, SHAH HAS DECIDED TO SEND SHIPMENT OF RIFLES
TO SOMALIA AHEAD REPEAT AHEAD OF IRANIAN MILITARY MISSION. WEAPONS
ARE SCHEDULED LEAVE AUGUST 7 IF NECESSARY CLEARANCES CAN BE MADE.
MATTER CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITH SOMALI AMB.

3. AZIMA WAS STILL NOT SURE EXACTLY WHEN MILITARY MISSION WOULD PROCEED, BUT SAID IT WOULD BE "IN A FEW DAYS". HE ASSUMED ATMOSPHERE IN SOMALIA WOULD BE MORE RECEPTIVE IF RIFLES ARRIVE AHEAD OF THEM. AZIMA THEN ASKED TWO QUESTIONS ON WHICH I DID NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ANSWERED: (A) IS US MILITARY MISSION ALREADY IN SOMALIA AND, IF SO, WHEN WILL THEY FINISH?, (B) DOES SAUDI ARABIA INTEND SEMD MILITARY MISSION AND, IF SO, WHEN?

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS THESE TWO QUESTIONS SOONEST.
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